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**Testimony of the Judicial Branch
Banking Committee Public Hearing
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**H.B. 5426, An Act Concerning Liens for Unpaid Wages and a Requirement
that Fiscal Intermediaries Meet Employer Timely Pay Obligations**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch regarding *H.B. 5426, An Act Concerning Liens for Unpaid Wages and a Requirement that Fiscal Intermediaries Meet Employer Timely Pay Obligations*. The Judicial Branch has concerns with the bill as proposed.

The process contemplated by this bill is confusing, as there currently exists a vehicle for attaining the same result by using existing case types and following existing procedures in civil court. Currently, an employee or commissioner could file a civil action for unpaid wages and apply for a lien as a prejudgment remedy. If the current process is not working, we would be happy to sit down with the proponent and discuss this issue.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.